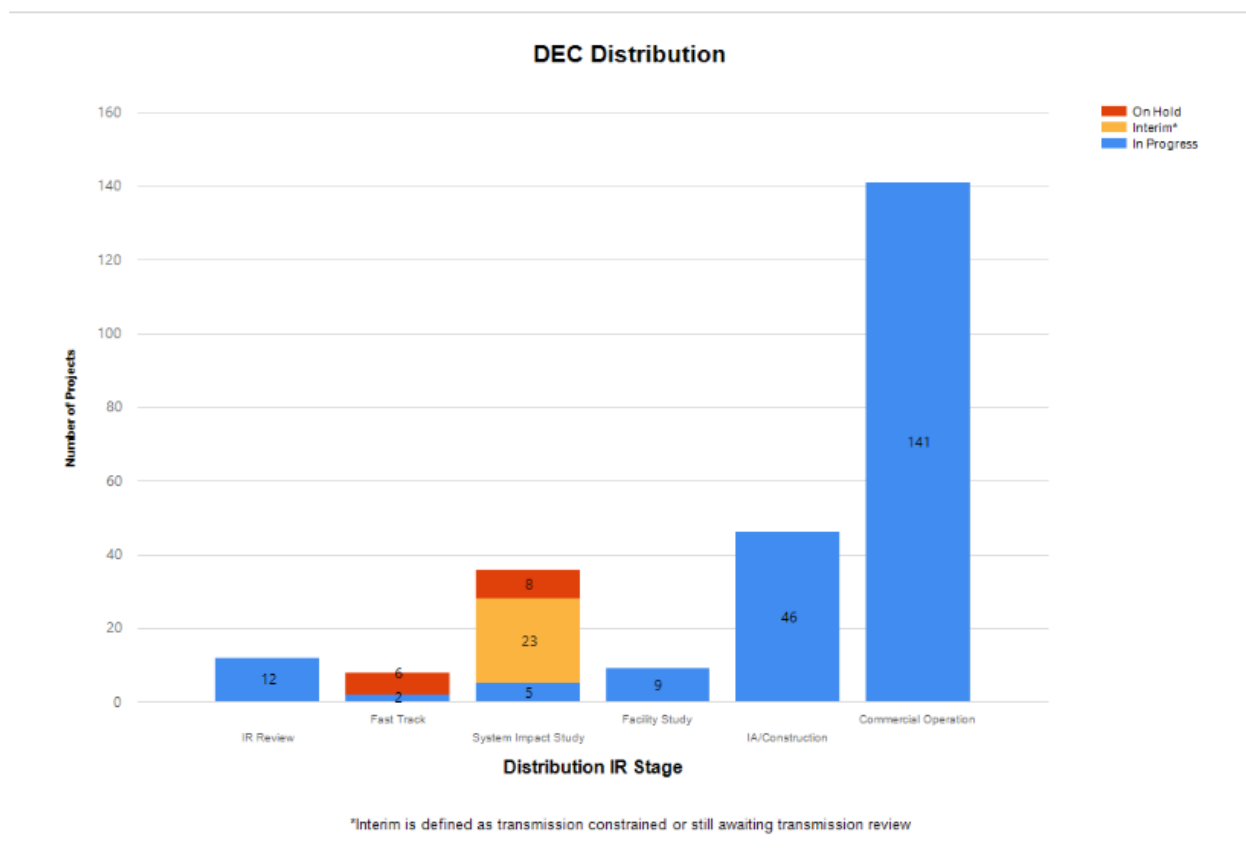


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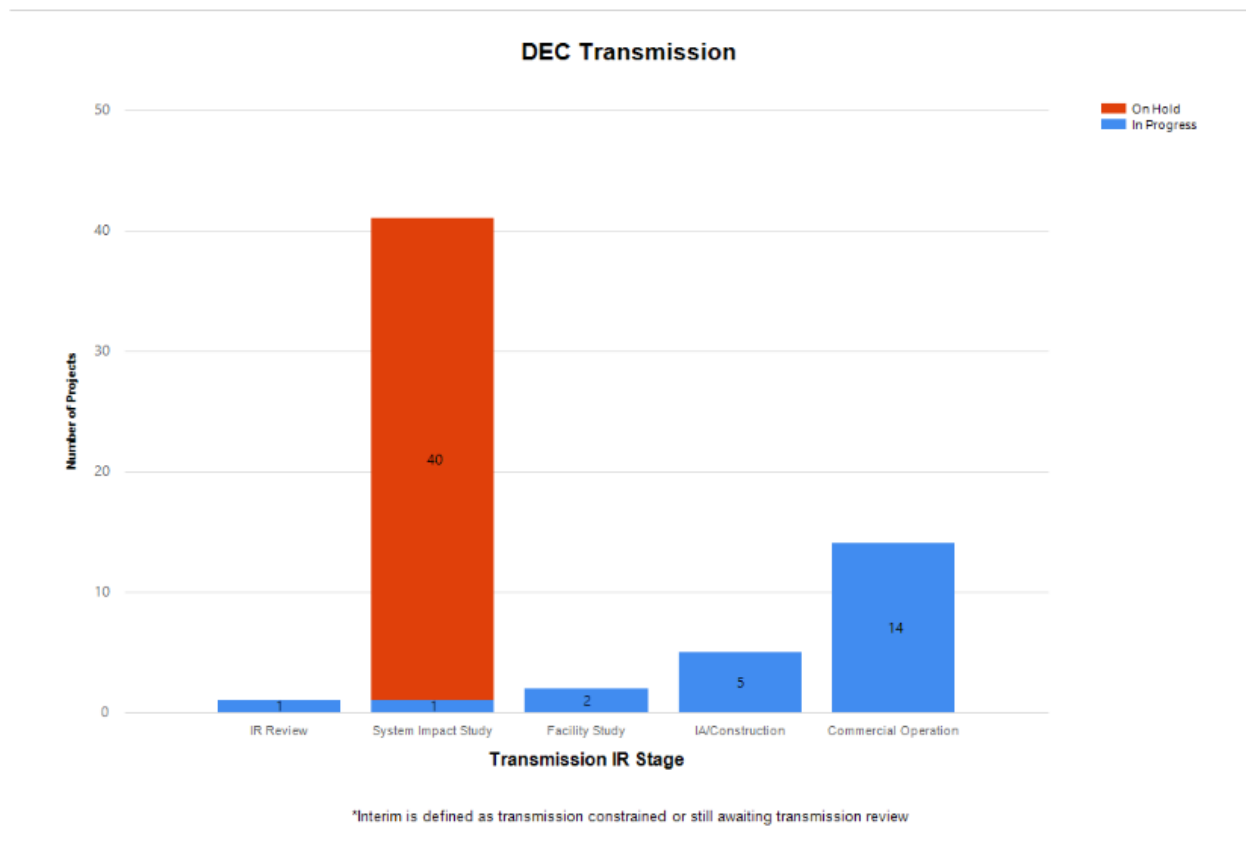
**I. Status of the Companies' Queues**

Figures 1 through 4 below illustrate a summary of the status as of June 30, 2020 of all Interconnection Requests ("IRs") 20kW and greater that are in operation or currently active in the Companies' South Carolina state-jurisdictional interconnection queues, at both the transmission and distribution level for each utility.

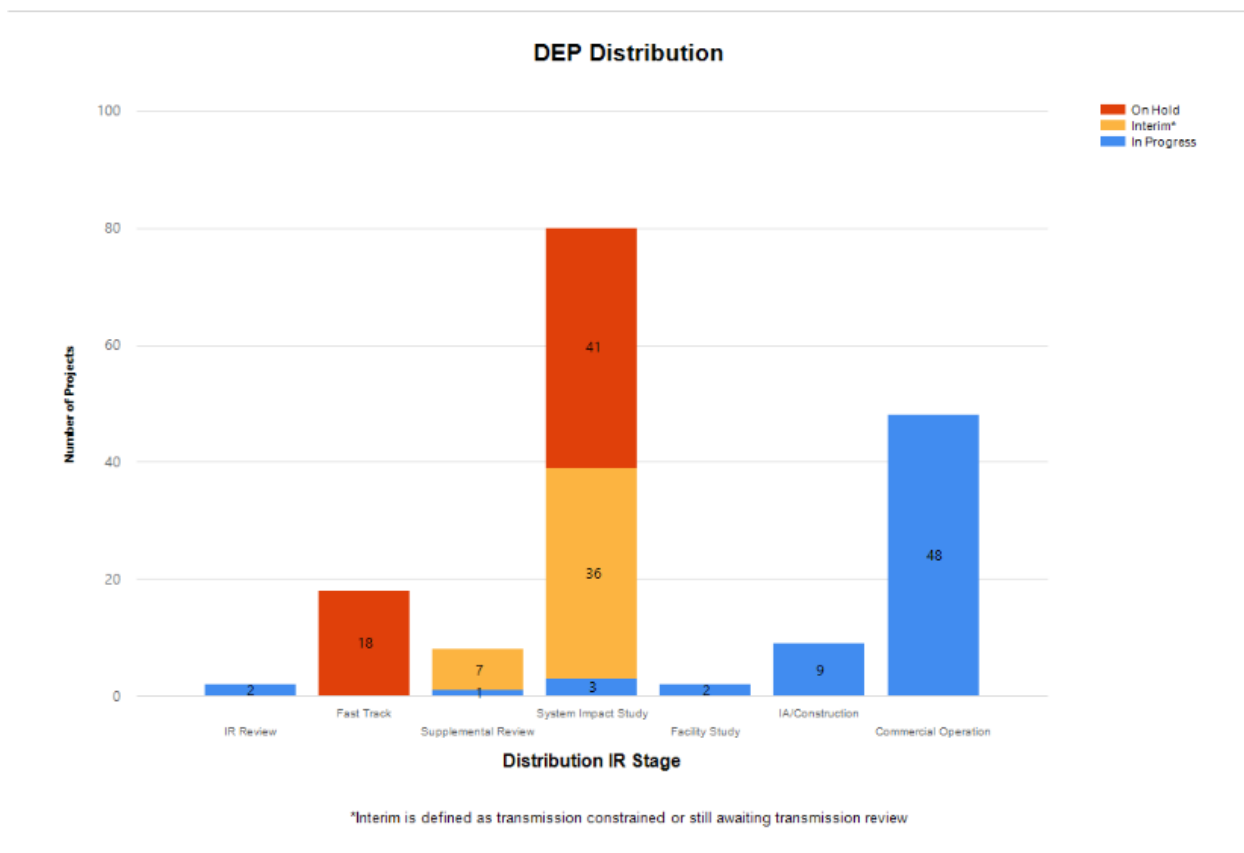
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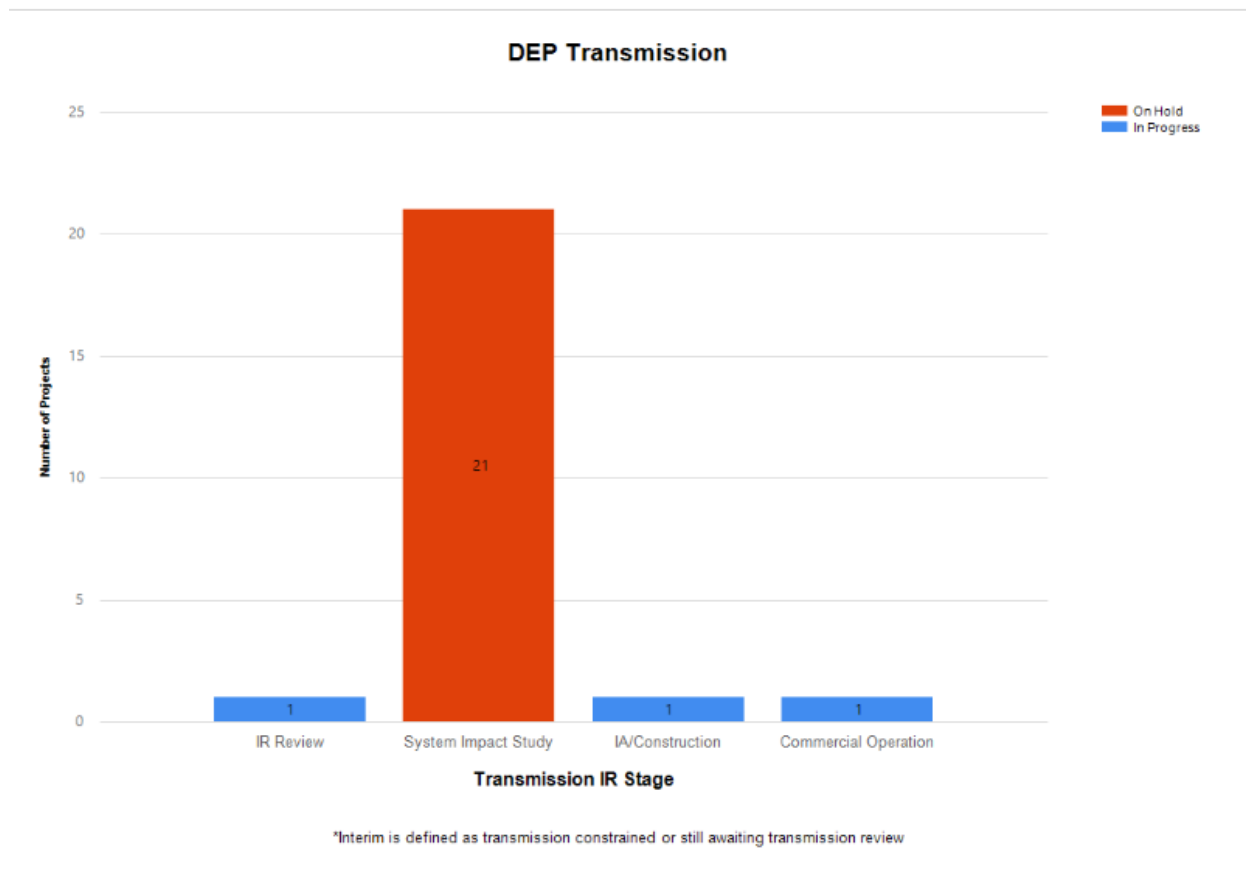


**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**



**Figure 4**

*IR Review:* This term means an IR has been submitted by the customer and is in the process of being reviewed for completeness.

*Fast Track:* This term means that the IR is eligible for the Fast Track study process (SCGIP Section 2) and the utility is performing the Fast Track screens. (Note: Figures 2 and 4 do not measure Fast Track because projects greater than 2MW are not eligible for consideration for Fast Track)

*Supplemental Review:* This term means that the IR failed the Fast Track screens review and the utility is performing a Supplemental Review (SCGIP Section 3).

*System Impact Study:* This term means the utility is performing a System Impact Study (SCGIP Section 4).

*Facilities Study*: This term means the utility has completed the System Impact Study and is performing a Facilities Study (SCGIP Section 4).

*IA/Construction*: This term means the IR has completed all study phases.

*Commercial Operation*: This term means the project has completed construction and is operational.

## **II. Reasons for the SC Interconnection Queue Challenges**

The reasons for the Companies' SC interconnection queue challenges remain the same as those described in the October 31, 2019 report.

## **III. The Companies' Plans to Remedy the Queue Challenges**

The Companies' plans to remedy their queue challenges remain the same as reported in the October 31, 2019 report, with the following updates:

- The Companies continue to pursue the queue reform proposal pursuant to the North Carolina Utilities Commission's August 27, 2019 *Order Requiring Queue Reform Proposal and Comments*.<sup>1</sup> On May 15, 2020 the Companies submitted the DEC and DEP Queue Reform Proposal. Thirty days later intervenor comments were filed. The procedural schedule for reply comments has been extended to August 15, 2020 by the July 13, 2020 *Order Granting Further Extensions of Time*.
- The Companies continue to meet with stakeholders to discuss the queue reform proposal and build consensus with North Carolina, South Carolina, and FERC stakeholders. The presentation for the June 25, 2020 queue reform meeting with FERC stakeholders is attached to this filing.
- The Companies intend to file similar queue reform proposals with the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before the end of 2020.

## **IV. Indicate Which Projects Have Been Bid into CPRE (including which projects were selected as CPRE winners and which projects bid into CPRE but were not selected)**

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<sup>1</sup> NCUC Docket No. E-100 Sub 101.

RESPONSE: Please see the August 1, 2019 report filed in this docket that includes the CPRE Tranche 1 winners and projects that were not selected. CPRE Tranche 2 results will be reported in the Q3 report to be filed in this docket.

**V. Identify the Intervals for Every Significant Milestone for Every Queued Ahead Non-CPRE Project** (if requested by the Office of Regulatory Staff)

RESPONSE: The Companies have provided below statistics on the significant milestones for all Non-CPRE projects greater than 20kW in the Companies' interconnection queues:

- a. Intervals between receipt of the Interconnection Request and execution of Interconnection Agreement.

**IR to IA Executed Interval**

	Overall	Distribution	Transmission
<b>MIN</b>	64	67	64
<b>MAX</b>	2623	2623	1120
<b>AVG</b>	432	431	446
<b>Projects Included</b>	178	168	10

- b. Intervals for receipt of System Impact Studies Agreements and System Impact Studies completed. Note: Duke Energy's DataMart system does not capture date of receipt of the executed System Impact Study Agreement. Instead, the Companies have provided SIS Start to SIS End interval.

**System Impact Study Intervals**

	Overall	Distribution	Transmission
<b>MIN</b>	0	34	0
<b>MAX</b>	1497	1497	432
<b>AVG</b>	358	392	82
<b>Projects Included</b>	126	112	14

- c. Intervals for receipt of Facilities Studies Agreements and Facilities Studies completed. Note: Duke Energy's DataMart does not capture date of receipt of the executed Facilities Study Agreement. Instead, the Companies have provided Facilities Study Start to Facilities Study End interval.

### Facility Study Intervals

	Overall	Distribution	Transmission
<b>MIN</b>	1	1	1
<b>MAX</b>	533	533	159
<b>AVG</b>	154	158	57
<b>Projects Included</b>	70	67	3

- d. Intervals between studies completed and the Interconnection Agreement received. Note: The Companies have interpreted this request to intend the interval from Facilities Study Complete to when the IA was delivered to the customer.

### Facility Study to IA Mailed Intervals

	Overall	Distribution	Transmission
<b>MIN</b>	0	0	29
<b>MAX</b>	541	368	541
<b>AVG</b>	63	55	208
<b>Projects Included</b>	61	58	3

## VI. Provide Aggregate Statistics on CPRE and Non-CPRE Projects, including:

- a. The actual allocation of FTEs and person-hours devoted to the processing of CPRE and non-CPRE projects (for the transmission and distribution queues), including on a per-project and per-megawatt basis.

RESPONSE: Please see the October 31, 2019 Report for these details for CPRE Tranche 1. The CPRE Tranche 1 winners have executed Interconnection

Agreements and exited the queue. Each project will progress through the construction phase to commercial operation based on the milestones established in the Interconnection Agreement. The Companies intend to provide information for Tranche 2, similar to the Companies' October 31, 2019 report for Tranche 1, after the Independent Administrator submits the Tranche 2 final report.

- b.** Information on Interconnection Study Intervals for System Impact Studies and Facilities Studies for CPRE versus non-CPRE projects.

**RESPONSE:**

Please see section V. All CPRE Tranche 1 winners have progressed through System Impact Study and Facilities Study. The Companies intend to provide information for Tranche 2, similar to the October 31, 2019 report for Tranche 1, after the Independent Administrator submits the Tranche 2 final report.

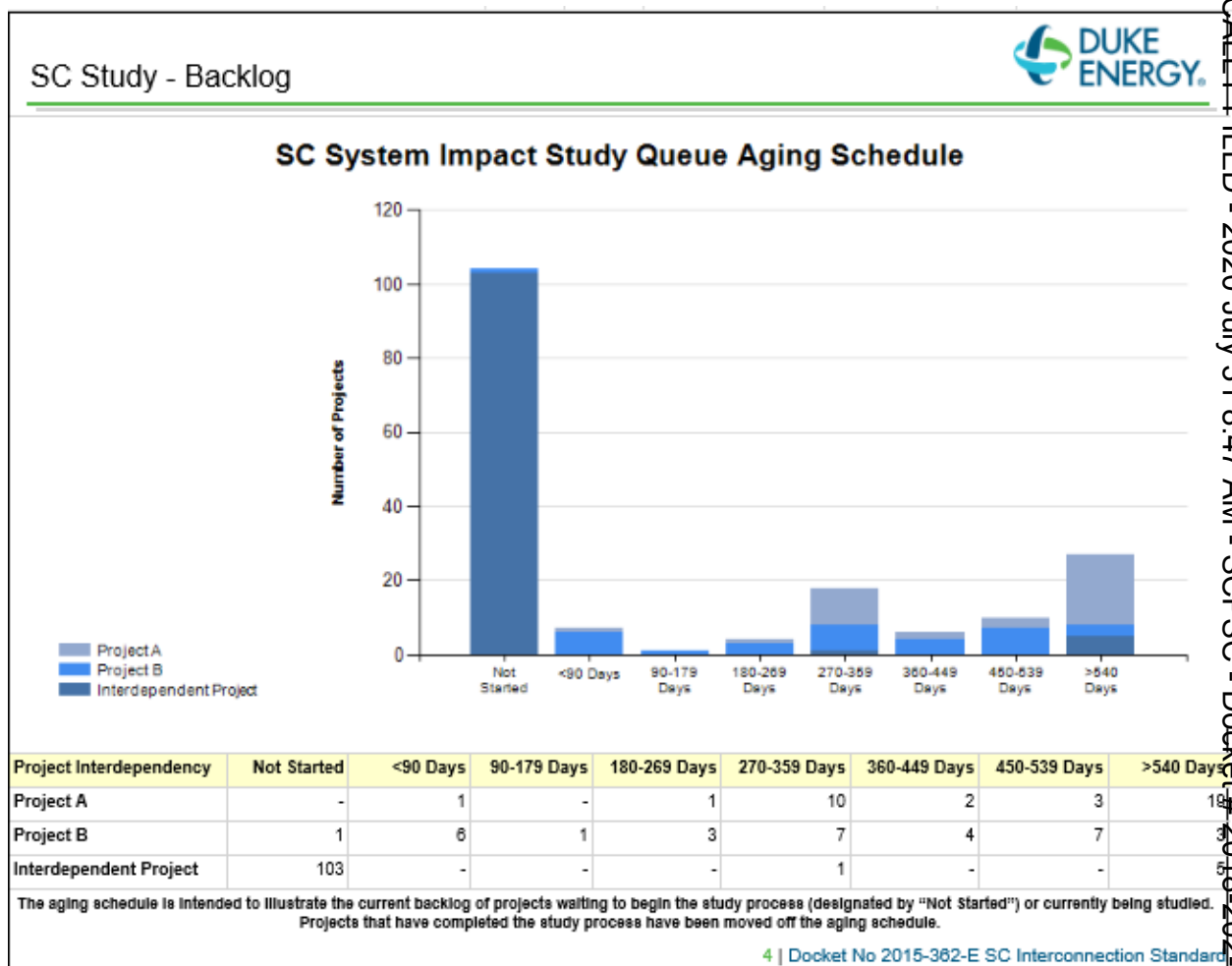
- c.** Information on Interconnection Study Backlogs for CPRE versus non-CPRE projects.

**RESPONSE:**

As reported in the Companies' second and third quarter 2019 reports filed on August 1, 2019 and November 1, 2019, respectively, the interconnection study backlog is not negatively impacted by the existence of the Grouping Studies conducted for CPRE Tranche 1. Non-CPRE projects that were not designated as on hold for distribution interdependency or transmission constraints continued to be studied in queue priority order. With regard to CPRE projects, no such "backlog" exists, as these projects are not studied under the SCGIP Section 4.3 system impact study process, but instead pursuant to the CPRE grouping study evaluation process approved by the Commission's Order Nos. 2018-803(A) and 2019-817 issued in this docket. Pursuant to the waivers granted by the Commission, the CPRE Queue Number used for the Grouping Study was not interdependent with other Interconnection Requests. Additionally, winning CPRE projects were able to continue to progress through the interconnection process as these projects were not interdependent with earlier-queued Interconnection Requests and not dependent upon the construction of Network Upgrades in the transmission constrained areas.

Please see the chart below, which illustrates the current state of the Companies' interconnection queues:





- d. The number of CPRE versus non-CPRE projects that achieved each significant interconnection milestone (i.e. system impact study complete, facilities study complete, IA signed, interconnection achieved) during the reporting period.

RESPONSE:

All CPRE Tranche 1 winning projects have completed the study process, signed Interconnection Agreements, and are in the construction phase. 28 non-CPRE projects achieved interconnection in Q2 2020. 25 non-CPRE projects executed Interconnection Agreements in Q2 2020. 20 non-CPRE projects completed Facilities Study in Q2 2020. 12 non-CPRE projects completed System Impact Study in Q2 2020.